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Dear Respondent:

This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News covers the results of the Onion Production Survey. Acreage, yield, and production were reported for the U.S., Region and selected States.

This release is sent to survey participants in appreciation for their time spent responding to the survey. For more information contact us at nass-id@nass.usda.gov or at 1-800-691-9987. Thank you for reporting and your continued support.

Sincerely,

William R. Meyer
Director

Idaho and E. Oregon Onion Production Decreased 18 Percent

The 2005 summer storage onion production in Idaho and Eastern Oregon decreased 18 percent from 2004. Production was estimated at 13.7 million cwt, down from the 16.7 million cwt produced in 2004. Harvested acreage decreased 800 acres from 2004, while onion yield fell 113 cwt to 662 cwt per acre. The value of the 2005 crop totaled \$149 million, up from \$91.0 million in 2004. Shrinkage and loss for the 2005 crop totaled 2.76 million cwt, down 18 percent from 2004.

Nationally, summer storage production decreased 13 percent from 2004 to 51.4 million cwt. Harvested acreage decreased from 110,050 acres in 2004 to 106,420 acres in 2005. The U.S. average summer storage yield decreased 52 cwt per acre from 2004 to 483 cwt per acre. The summer storage crop is valued at \$514 million in 2005, compared to just \$364 million for the 2004 crop. Shrinkage and loss for the 2005 crop totaled 6.47 million cwt, down 27 percent from 2004.

Onions: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production by Season, State, and United States, 2004-05

Season and State	Harvested Acres		Yield		Production		2005 As a Percent of 2004
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	
	<i>Acres</i>		<i>Cwt</i>		<i>1,000 Cwt</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Spring ^{1/}	35,700	35,300	337	318	12,031	11,243	93
Summer							
Non-storage ^{1/}	23,200	19,800	521	563	12,098	11,140	92
Storage ^{2/}							
California ^{3/}	30,000	27,800	440	425	13,200	11,815	90
Colorado	11,000	9,500	500	440	5,500	4,180	76
IDAHO & E. OREGON	21,500	20,700	775	662	16,666	13,396	82
Idaho	10,400	9,500	770	640	8,008	6,080	76
E. Oregon	11,100	11,200	780	680	8,658	7,616	88
Michigan	3,200	3,700	290	260	928	962	104
New York	13,000	13,600	400	280	5,200	3,808	73
Oregon, other	7,400	7,700	570	480	4,218	3,696	88
Utah ^{4/}	1,500		520		780		
Washington	20,000	19,500	580	600	11,600	11,700	101
Wisconsin	1,900	2,000	320	330	608	660	109
Other States ^{5/}	550	1,920	324	453	178	869	
Summer Storage Subtotal	110,050	106,420	535	483	58,878	51,386	87
Summer Total	133,250	126,220	533	495	70,976	62,526	88
United States	168,950	161,520	491	457	83,007	73,769	89
Processed ^{6/}					9,090	7,900	87

1/ Primarily fresh. 2/ Includes some quantities of storage crop onions harvested but not sold because of shrinkage and loss. 3/Primarily for dehydrated and other processing. 4/ 2005 data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations. 5/ 2004 – MN and OH. 2005 – OH and UT. 6/ CA only; acreage not available.

A THANK YOU TO ALL IDAHO FARM AND RANCH OPERATORS

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